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Whitehall, June 26.

A Diſpatch, of which the following is a Copy, has been this Day received from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by His Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Dublin Caſtle, 24th June, 1798.

My Lord,

I HAVE the Honour to tranſmit to your Grace a Diſpatch received by Lord Viſcount Caſtlereagh, this Day, from Lieutenant-General Lake, dated Wexford, the 22d Inſt.; together with a Letter from Brigadier-General Moore, containing an Account of his important Succeſſes.

I alſo incloſe a Copy of the Propoſals made by the Rebels in the Town of Wexford, to Lieutenant-General Lake, and his Anſwer.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CORNWALLIS.

His Grace the Duke of Portland, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord, *Wexford, June* 22, 1798.

YESTERDAY Afternoon I had the Honor to diſpatch a Letter to your Lordſhip, from Enniſcorthy, with the Tranſactions of the Day, for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Information; and the incloſed Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Moore to Major-General Johnſon will account for my having entered this Place without Oppoſition. General Moore, with his uſual Enterprize and Activity, puſhed on to this Town, and entered it ſo opportunely as to prevent it from being laid in Aſhes, and the Maſſacre of the remaining Priſoners, which the Rebels declared their Reſolution of carrying into Effect the next Day; and there can be little Doubt it would have taken Place, for the Day before they murdered above Seventy Priſoners, and threw their Bodies over the Bridge.

Incloſed is a Copy of my Anſwer to the Propoſal of the Inhabitants of this Town, tranſmitted in my Letter of Yeſterday to your Lordſhip. The Evacuation of the Town by the Rebels renders it unneceſſary. I have the Pleaſure to acquaint your Lordſhip, that the Subſcriber of the inſolent Propoſals, Mr. Keughe, and one of their principal Leaders, Mr. Roach, with a few others, are in my Hands without Negociation. The Rebels are reported to be in ſome Force within Five Miles of this Place; it is ſuppoſed for the Purpoſe of Submiſſion, to which the Event of Yeſterday may ſtrengthen their Inclination. I have Reaſon to think there are a Number ſo diſpoſed, and that I ſhall be able to ſecure ſome more of their Leaders; but ſhould I be diſappointed in my Expectations, and find they collect in any Force, I ſhall loſe no Time in attacking them.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

P. S. From Enquiry, the Numbers killed Yeſterday were very great indeed.

Lord Viſcount Caſtlereagh.

Camp above Wexford, June 22, 1798.

Dear General,

AGreeable to your Order, I took Poſt on the Evening of the 19th, near Fook's Mill, in the Park of Mr. Sutton. Next Day I ſent a ſtrong Detachment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinſon, to patrole towards Tintern and Clonmines, with a view to ſcour the Country and communicate with the Troops you directed me to join from Duncannon. The Lieutenant-Colonel found the Country deſerted, and got no Tidings of the Troops. I waited for them until Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, when, deſpairing of their Arrival, I began my March to Taghmon. We had not marched above Half a Mile when a conſiderable Body of the Rebels was perceived marching towards us. I ſent my advanced Guard, conſiſting of the Two Rifle Companies of the 60th, to ſkirmiſh with them, whilſt a Howitzer and Six Pounder were advanced to a Croſs Road

Road above Goff's Bridge, and ſome Companies of Light Infantry formed on each Side of them, under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinſon. The Rebels attempted to attack theſe, but were inſtantly repulſed, and driven beyond the Bridge. A large Body were perceived at the ſame Time moving towards my Left. Major Aylmer, and afterwards Major Daniel, with Five Companies of Light Infantry and a Six Pounder, were detached againſt them. The 60th Regiment, finding no further Oppoſition in Front, had of themſelves inclined to their Left, to engage the Body which was attempting to turn us. The Action here was for a ſhort Time pretty ſharp. The Rebels were in great Numbers, and armed with both Muſkets and Pikes; they were, however, forced to give Way, and driven, though they repeatedly attempted to form, behind the Ditches. They at laſt diſperſed, flying towards Enniſcorthy and Wexford. Their killed could not be aſcertained, as they lay ſcattered in the Fields over a conſiderable Extent, but they ſeemed to be numerous. I incloſe a Liſt of our's. * The Troops behaved with great Spirit; the Artillery and Hompeſch's Cavalry were active, and ſeemed only to regret that the Country did not admit of their rendering more effectual Service. Major Daniel is the only Officer whoſe Wound is bad; it is through the Knee, but not dangerous.

The Buſineſs, which began between Three and Four, was not over till near Eight. It was then too late to proceed to Taghmon. I took Poſt for the Night on the Ground where the Action had commenced. As the Rebels gave Way I was informed of the Approach of the 2d and 29th Regiments under Lord Dalhouſie. In the Morning of the 21ſt we were proceeding to Taghmon, where I was met by an Officer of the North Cork from Wexford with the incloſed Letters. I gave of Courſe no Anſwer to the Propoſal made by the Inhabitants of Wexford, but I thought it my Duty immediately to proceed here and to take Poſt above the Town, by which means I have perhaps ſaved the Town itſelf from Fire, as well as the Lives of many Loyal Subjects who were Priſoners in the Hands of the Rebels. The Rebels fled, upon my Approach, over the Bridge of Wexford, and towards the Barony of Forth. I ſhall wait here your further Orders. Lord Kingſborough has informed me of different Engagements he had entered into with reſpect to the Inhabitants. I have declined entering upon the Subject, but have referred his Lordſhip to you or General Lake.

* This Liſt was omitted.

I received your pencilled Note during the Action of the 20th: It was impoſſible for me then to detach the Troops you aſked for, but I hear you have perfectly ſucceeded at Enniſcorthy with thoſe you had. Mr. Roche who commands the Rebels is encamped, I hear, about Five Miles off. He has ſent to Lord Kingſborough to ſurrender upon Terms. Your Preſence ſpeedily is upon every Account extremely neceſſary.

I am, &c.

JOHN MOORE.

Major-General Johnſon.

P. S. It is difficult to judge of the Numbers of Rebels, they appear in ſuch Crowds and ſo little Order. Information ſtates thoſe we beat to have been between 5 and 6,000.

PROPOSALS of the REBELS.

June 21, 1798.

THAT Captain M'Manus ſhall proceed from Wexford towards Oulart, accompanied by Mr. E. Hay, appointed by the Inhabitants of all Religious Perſuaſions, to inform the Officer commanding the King's Troops that they are ready to deliver up the Town of Wexford without Oppoſition, lay down their Arms, and return to their Allegiance, provided that their Perſons and Properties are guaranteed by the Commanding Officer, and that they will uſe every Influence in their Power to induce the People of the Country at large to return to their Allegiance alſo. Theſe Terms we hope Captain M'Manus will be able to procure.

Signed, by Order of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wexford,

MATTHEW KEUGHE.

ANSWER.

Enniſcorthy, June 22, 1798.

LIeutenant-General Lake cannot attend to any Terms offered by Rebels in Arms againſt their Sovereign. While they continue ſo, he muſt uſe the Force entruſted to him with the utmoſt Energy for their Deſtruction.

To the deluded Multitude he promiſes Pardon, on their delivering into his Hands their Leaders, ſurrendering their Arms, and returning with Sincerity to their Allegiance.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

To the Inhabitants of Wexford.

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